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SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINES CONTRACT RESCINDED

REF: CARACAS 4268

1. JUNE 7 SUPREME ELECTORAL COUNCIL RESCINDED CONTRACT WITH AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINES (AVM) COMPANY FOR PURCHASE OF 10,000 VOTING MACHINES. DECISION IS BASED ON SO- CALLED ANTI- CORRUPTION CLAUSE OF CONTRACT, NUMBERED 29(C). OFFICE OF PROCURATOR GENERAL WILL DEFEND GOVERNMENT' S INTEREST IN ANY COURT ACTION.

2. ACCORDING TO AP STORY, AVM SPOKESMAN IN JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK STATED COMPANY STANDS TO LOSE \$13 MILLION AS RESULT OF RESCISSION OF CONTRACT AND WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO RECOVER ITS LOSSES. VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO RECOVER DOWN PAYMENT OF NEARLY \$3 MILLION PAID TO AVM LAST YEAR, MOST LIKELY FROM INSURANCE COMPANY GUARANTEEING CONTRACT COMPLIANCE.

3. ACTION OF COUNCIL APPARENTLY MEANS THAT TRADITIONAL CARD SYSTEM WILL BE USED IN DECEMBER ELECTIONS.
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